

News Release

Make it a Beautiful Day at UMC – Welcome Spring in Style on Thurs., April 20

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CROOKSTON, MN (April 10, 2006) – Dare to care for your University campus. Join University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) students, faculty and staff on Thurs., April 20, for Beautiful U Day and volunteer to help make the campus an even more attractive place for learning and visiting.

This event-filled day celebrates our natural resources, buildings and grounds and provides the opportunity to spruce up for spring and learn about caring for our assets and environment. Community members are invited to campus April 20, rain or shine, starting at 9 a.m. Lunch is provided and an ice-cream social will wrap up the afternoon projects. At 5 p.m., a guest lecturer will speak on "Making a campus sustainable and beautiful!" Sign up for an hour the day by calling UMC's Information Desk at 218-281-8520.

UMC's Beautiful U Day encompasses a variety of activities, indoor and outdoor; and volunteers are needed to support projects around campus.

- Help start a tree nursery for growing future campus flora
- Assist in adding labels to plants in the new Perennial Study Garden
- Landscape in front of the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) to prepare for the new horse sculpture and garden
- Support clean-up and organization efforts at various buildings on campus
- Create a sensory garden and playground for the Early Childhood Development Center
- Paint, rearrange and support general efforts to beautify the UMC campus
- Explore sustainability and stewardship with Environmental Science and Management Professor Kelly Cain from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls. He will be speaking at 5 p.m. in the Youngquist Auditorium, at the Agricultural Research Center on the UMC campus.

When you arrive on campus, stop by the Eagle's Nest in the Sahlstrom Conference Center to find an activity. For more info, visit us online or contact UMC Help Desk Manager and Beautiful U Day Coordinator Peg Sherven at 218-281-8376.

Beautiful U Day is an annual stewardship initiative in the University of Minnesota campus system, combining hands-on beautification efforts with academic forums to celebrate and acknowledge our responsibility to maintain our physical and natural resources.

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